

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

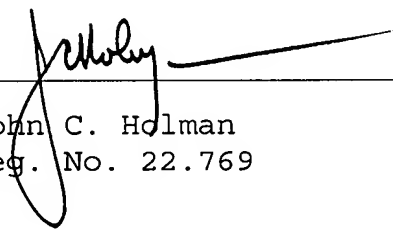
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

10. (amended) A gasket for a fuel battery as claimed in claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 9], characterized in that a front surface (38) of a circuit formed in the substrate is coated by a protecting member constituted by an insulating membrane.

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